

TOWN HALL

Bridging the Skills Gap



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TOWN HALL #13

1. **January-** Wyomissing, *Government Shutdown*
2. **January-** Exton, *Government Shutdown*
3. **February-** Coatesville, *Gun Violence*
4. **March-** Telephone
5. **April-** Downingtown, *Education & STEM*
6. **April-** West Chester, *Youth Engagement*
7. **May-** Reading, *Veterans*
8. **June-** West Grove, *Agriculture & Environment*
9. **July-** West Chester, *Healthcare*
10. **September-** Reading, *Infrastructure*
11. **September-** Telephone
12. **October-** Telephone



AGENDA

4:30 – Opening Remarks

4:45 – Workforce Development Panel

5:00 – Q&A w/Panel

5:30 – Closing Remarks

5:45 – Conclude

MEETING NORMS

We will:

1. Treat each other with respect and leave titles at the door
2. Use our time wisely by sticking to the agenda*
3. Encourage full participation by being concise when we speak
4. Address conflict by dealing with the issue, not the person
5. Ask questions when in doubt

*Topics requiring further discussion will be documented for follow-up

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

- **Sue Walker**, District Director
- **Kira Floersheim**, District Staff Assistant
- **Noah Levine**, District Scheduler & Constituent Advocate
- **Kurtis Miller**, Constituent Advocate

HOW WE CAN HELP

- Advocate for you before **federal agencies** (e.g. VA, SSA)
- Arrange tours of **DC landmarks**, including the Capitol
- Fly **U.S. flags** over the Capitol
- Nominate students to **service academies**
- Provide **internships** to PA-06 college students*
- Record your story for the **Veterans History Project**

*Stipends available for Pell grant eligible applicants

MY COMMITTEES

- **Small Business Committee**
 - Innovation and Workforce Development Subcommittee
- **Armed Services Committee**
 - Readiness Subcommittee
 - Intelligence, Emerging Threats, & Capabilities Subcommittee
- **Foreign Affairs Committee**
 - Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, & International Organizations Subcommittee
 - Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation Subcommittee

MEMBERSHIPS

- **New Democrat Coalition**, Freshman Leadership Rep.
- **Servicewomen and Women Veterans Caucus**, Founder & Chair
- **Freshman Working Group on Addiction**
- **Gun Violence Prevention Task Force**
- **LGBT Equality Caucus**
- **New Dems Healthcare Task Force**

Workforce Development Legislation

- Cosponsored H.R. 865, the Rebuild America's Schools Act of 2019, which would invest more than \$100 billion in public schools (\$70M in grants, \$30M in bonds).
- Cosponsored H.R. 1043, the Employer Participation in Repayment Act, which expands the tax exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance to include payments of qualified education loans by an employer to an employee or lender.
- Introduced H.Amdt. 337 to H.R. 2740, the appropriations bill, to redirect \$1,000,000 in the Department of Education's Education for the Disadvantaged account with the intent to support Comprehensive Literacy Development Grants with an appropriate offset. The amendment was accepted onto the bill, and H.R. 2740 passed the House on June 19.
- Cosponsored H.R. 827 Artificial Intelligence Job Opportunities and Background Summary Act AI JOBS Act of 2019 that expresses the sense of congress that technology can improve the lives of individuals but can also disrupt jobs and directs the Department of Labor to submit to congress a report on AI and its impact on the workforce.

Workforce Development Panel

- **Bill Adams**, President, IBEW Local 654
- **Pat Bokovitz**, Director, Chester County Workforce Development Board
- **Marybeth DiVincenzo**, Senior Vice President, Chester County Economic Development Council
- **George Fiore**, Executive Director, Chester County Intermediate Unit
- **Denita Wright Watson**, Academic Program Manager, Engineering Division, Penn State Great Valley

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Please write your questions on the comment card and pass them to a staff member.

If we don't get to your question, we will respond to it via email!

STAY IN TOUCH

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- Request a tour or flag flown over the Capitol
- Schedule a meeting with me or a member of my team
- Subscribe to my newsletter
- And much more!

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